

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Atty. Dkt. No. 58315/129
Bernhard FLECKENSTEIN et al. :
Serial No.: Unassigned :
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For: VIRAL INTERLEUKIN-6

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 21-27 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1-20 as follows:

- Claim 1, line 2: Delete "HHV-8" and insert --human herpes virus type 8 ("HHV-8")--.
- Claim 2, line 2: Delete "displayed in" and insert --of--.
- Claim 3, line 1: Delete "displayed in" and insert --of--.
- Claim 4, line 1: Delete "IL-6" and insert --interleukin-6 ("IL-6")--.
- Claim 5, line 1: After "which", insert --consists--; delete "comprises" and insert --of--.
- Claim 6, line 1: Delete "or 5".
- Claim 7, line 1: Delete "or of the polypeptide as"
line 2: Delete "claimed in claim 2,".

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